

CTTAB

July 13, 2004 Minutes

**City of Seattle, Board Room, 27th Floor
Key Tower, 700 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104**

Board Members Present

Todd Achilles
Bill Baron
Maryann Budlong
Deborah Gartside
Pwint Htun
Damien Koemans
Huat Chye Lim
Ann Robinson
Nina Sanders
Ken Thompson

Excused

Jeff Techico
Manny Ovena
Harriet Wasserman

Absent

Jason Bennett
Richard Salway

Staff

David Keyes
Jill Novik
Tony Perez

Guests

Andy Gordon
Derek Stanford
Ken Meyer

1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:

The agenda was amended to delete the CTO report in Bill Schrier's absence and to add discussion of board member attendance. June minutes were approved as written.

2. Presentation: Residential Survey: Andy Gordon

The 19 minutes random dialed survey, which was about technology in general, sampled 1000 people. There was an error rate of +- 3%, although the survey cannot comment on people with cell phones. In addition, 8% of those called could not answer the survey because of language barriers.

Some of the summary points include that, in general, Seattle citizens enjoy very high levels of technology, and may be reaching saturation; people are satisfied with their cable TV: variety and type of programming; coverage of community news; and customer service. Respondents indicated that rates were too expensive and many would support a la carte programming. In addition, most residents support public access and the Seattle Channel viewership has increased since 2000.

3. Committee Reports:

Community Technology: David Keyes

David Keyes noted that many people had good things to say about Seattle at the CTCnet conference. It was, he added, exciting to see so many people enthused about community technology. Senator Cantwell delivered a good speech to the conference.

To celebrate and present their TMF project, Jack Straw is going to have an open house on August 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. CTTAB members' presence is desired.

TAF: Deborah Gartside

At the June meeting, it was agreed that an ad hoc committee composed of the Emerging Technology committee + four additional volunteers would prepare a response prior to Council action on the TAF resolution. The ad hoc committee met with Jim Compton and submitted comments, most of which were incorporated into the final draft of the resolution. A few members went to the Council hearing to see the vote and it was adopted unanimously as submitted. The ET committee agreed to finish the Wi-Fi report and assess its future after the TAF has been in operation for a period of time. Board members interested in participating on the TAF include Pwint Htun, Todd Achilles, Ken Thompson, Bill Baron, and Deborah Gartside. The ad hoc committee was complimented on its good work and collaborative process.

4 Cable Office Report: Tony reported that the Office is wrapping up the needs assessment. Staff may write more of the report than was anticipated, to reflect more Seattle specific information. The report is still on target to be ready in August or September.

Jill noted that the annual Board and Commission reception was moved to August 17.

5. Open Forum:

Ken inquired about CTTAB's policy regarding unexcused absences. The Board Rules permit the Board chair to speak to the "appointing body" requesting that person's resignation. Jill noted that she had spoken with the Mayor's appointment's staff about the current situation.

Pwint suggested a potential CTTAB project of developing a program to get used cell phones to seniors for emergency use. Deborah noted that such a program exists for victims of domestic violence and perhaps a program for seniors could be coordinated with the existing program. David said that he would talk about the proposal with a senior group with which he is involved.

Deborah requested a separate CTTAB members and staff email list. Members are requested to send their current email address to David, who will have the list created.

6. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.